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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Priority National Intelligence Objectives

1. Attached is a draft statement of Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives, as approved by the Economic Intelligence Committee, which is designed to supersede the previous statement of such objectives approved by the IAC on 21 August 1956 (IAC-D-50/10, as revised in IAC-D-50/10.1). Pursuant to the direction of the IAC (IAC-M-288, item 6) the Board of National Estimates has reviewed these draft objectives from the standpoint of their consistency with the over-all Priority National Intelligence Objectives (DCID 4/6) and finds no inconsistencies.
2. As reported earlier (IAC-D-50/11.2, 4 June), the Board, on the basis of a similar review of the draft Priority National Intelligence Objectives in the Field of International Communism (IAC-D-50/11) and the Priority National Scientific and Technical Objectives (IAC-D-50/8), recommended striking the word "particularly" from paragraphs I, a, 2 and I, b, 2 of the 19 April 1957 draft of IAC-D-50/11. In other respects, the Board found no inconsistencies between those two statements of objectives and DCID 4/6.
3. These three sets of objectives will therefore be submitted together for final IAC review and approval at an early IAC meeting.

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PRIORITY NATIONAL ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 4/6 (DCID 4/6), dated 30 October 1956, lists the priority national intelligence objectives established pursuant to National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 4, as a guide for the coordination of intelligence collection and production. DCID 4/6 covers military, political, scientific, technological, and economic intelligence objectives on the Sino-Soviet Bloc and the Free World.

2. All economic intelligence objectives listed below are related to DCID 4/6 and as defined in that directive are deemed to be essential elements of priority national intelligence objectives. In conformity to the directive, distinction is made among three levels of priority within the general priority category. Order of listing within these three categories is a matter of convenience in presentation and has no significance with respect to the relative priority of specific items within the category.

* This supersedes the previous statement of Priority National Economic Intelligence Objectives, approved by the IAC on 21 August 1956 (IAC-D-50/10 and the minor revision thereof in IAC-D-50/10.1).

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3. Foreign activities covered in the priority national economic intelligence objectives will be subject to continuing surveillance within the framework of responsibility laid down in DCID 15/1. It is not intended that the following list of objectives shall be a definitive or limiting statement of responsibilities, but rather that these objectives shall provide guidance for programming of economic intelligence collection and production.

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